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SUBJ: SYRIAN DESIRE PURCHASE AMERICAN PICK-UP TRUCKS

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1. USDOC REQUESTED INFORM NEW YORK DISTRICT OFFICE TO EXPECT CALL FROM SYRIAN BUSINESSMEN FROM ALEPPO: ALI SHLASH AND SHUKRI ALI SHAHEEN. THESE VISITORS WILL BE STAYING WITH SYRIAN RELATIVE, HASSAN KADAH, PRESIDENT, OMNETICS INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THEY REPRESENT WELL-KNOWN ALEPPO FIRM OF MICHEL M. ASSOUD.

2. ASSOUD INFORMED ECON/CML OFF. SHLASH AND SHAHEEN TRAVELLING TO U.S. O/A MARCH 8 TO ARRANGE FOR CASH PURCHASE OF 100 TO 200 DODGE OR CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCKS, ONE-TON RANGE, DESIRED DELIVERY IN SYRIA IN EARLY MAY. FLOOR SHIFT, FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE PREFERRED FOR FARM-TO-MARKET CONDITIONS IN SYRIA. EMBASSY SUPPLIED ASSOUD ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF USDOC REGIONAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK. WOULD APPRECIATE REGIONAL OFFICE PREPARING LIST OF POSSIBLE U.S. EXPORTERS OF DESCRIBED PICKUPS FOR RELAY TO SHLASH AND SHAHEEN WHEN THEY CALL, OR ESTABLISH PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH KADAH IN SYRACUSE.
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